Thefts on the rise at MIT

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The connecting factor in most thefts that occurred at MIT last week was the unlocked door or the unattended handbag. In six cases, unattended items remaining in value from a purse to a television set were reported stolen—two stories between January 6 and January 10. The television, stolen from a room in MacGregor House on the afternoon of the 10th, was valued at over $100. The owner reported that he left his room unlocked and unattended during a party.

In another incident, a wallet was removed from a woman's handbag in the Carr Memorial Tennis Bubble; a coed lost her wallet when she left it unattended in her office momentarily. One slip-up that would be given more time for pedestrians and motorists in aid of pedestrians and motorists in getting used to the new schedule.

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In two apparently related thefts, secretaries in Building 13 reported seeing a white male, about 25 years old, loitering nearby. These incidents took place on Monday the 8th and Tuesday the 9th, respectively.

Five thefts that occurred at MIT during the last two weeks of the fall term, a Cambridge traffic policeman was patrolling the crossing at 77 Massachusetts Avenue. Captain James Olistetti of the Campus Patrol explained that after the accident that took the life of a Simmons coed and seriously injured an MIT undergraduate, the scheduling of the traffic light was re-evaluated. It was decided that the timing should be changed so that pedestrians would be given more time to cross the busy street. The purpose of the policeman was to aid pedestrians and motorists in getting used to the new schedule.

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